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SUBJ: BREZHNEV MESSAGE TO BOUMEDIENE

REF: ALGIERS 2186

1. BREZHNEV LETTER TO BOUMEDIENE (REFTEL) HAS NOT YET BEEN PUBLISHED HERE. IT STIKES US AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF SOVIET DESIRE TO AVOID COMMITMENT TO DIRECT INVOLVMENT WHILE GIVING CREDITABLE SUPPORT TO ARAB CONTESTANTS.

2. LETTER IS ALSO CONSISTENT WITH REPORTED SOVIET APPROACHES TO OTHER ARAB GOVERNMENTS URGING THEIR PARTICIPATING IN CONFLICT. IT LIMITS SOVIET ROLE TO "AID AND SUPPORT." WHILE THIS SERVES TO CONFIRM REPORTS THAT SOVIETS ARE AT LEAST PREPARED TO RESUPPLY ARAB COMBATANTS WITH ARMS, POINT OF MESSAGE SEEMS TO BE THAT WARE IS PRIMARILY AN ARAB AFFAIR. BY SUGGESTING THAT SUCCESS OF EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN CAUSE

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DEPENDS ON MAXIMUM EFFORT BY ALL ARABS, LETTER LEAVES

WAY OPEN FOR BLAMING ANY FUTURE DISASTER ON NON-  
SUPPORTIVE ARAB STATES.  
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